of such agents appointed by Air India in India Region are approximately 1800 and total number of Indian Airlines approved agency location within India was 1707.

(c) The sub rule 5(f) does not relate to Air Inidia which sells through IATA agents under BSP plan. The sub rule 5(f) of the agreement signed with agents who have been appointed for sale of tickets on domestic sectors states that "agent will have no authority to vary the selling price established by the Airlines. The agent will sell tickets only at the prices established by the Airlines".

(d) to (f) There is no such complaints on Air India. There was a complaint that some Passenger Sales Agents of Indian Airlines in Patna were offering 2½% to 3% rebate to SBI, Patna which was violative of clause 5(f) of the Agreement. The investigation conducted in the matter did not find any substance in the complaints.

There were anonymous complaints that three Passenger Sales Agents of Indian Airlines were selling tickets at discounted price. The matter was taken up with the concerned agents and corrective action was taken.

Review of agreements on foreign flights

†2080. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to review the agreements pertaining to foreign flights; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPADYESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Review of bilateral agreements for operation of foreign airlines from different airports in the country is an ongoing process. This is done from time to time depending on traffic demand and reciprocity of benefit accruing to the Indian carriers. As a part of this process, bilateral civil aviation talks have been held this year with Iran, Jordan, Afghanistan, Italy, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Qatar and UK. Apart from increase in entitlement, designated airlines of Sri Lanka,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Singapore and Qatar have been granted access to new stations such as Bangalore, Hyderabad, Cochin and Gaya.

Renaming of Jollygrant Airport, Dehradun

2081. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal to rename Jollygrant airport, Dehradun as Swami Ram airport;

(b) if so, the details regarding the status of the proposal;

(c) by when the airport is likely to be renamed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The existing policy is generally to retain the name of domestic airports after the cities where these are located, since passengers and tourists, who may not be familiar with the local history, find it easier to identify the airport when it is named after the city, which it serves. Government has not made any exception in the case of Dehradun.

Flight between Hyderabad and Kuwait

2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry of Civil Aviation for operating a direct flight between Hyderabad and Kuwait;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has written to this Ministry regarding operation of Kuwait Airways' flight from Hyderabad. Hyderabad is not presently available as a point of call to Kuwait Airways. However Indian Airlines is connecting Hyderabad